

**Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Wednesday, 28 June 2017**

REPORT TITLE:	Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee - Work Programme update report
REPORT OF:	Report of the Chair

REPORT SUMMARY

This report explains the process of developing and managing the scrutiny work programme for the municipal year. The Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee, in cooperation with the other three Overview & Scrutiny Committees, is responsible for proposing and delivering an annual scrutiny work programme. This work programme should align with the corporate priorities of the Council, in particular the delivery of the Wirral Plan pledges which are within the remit of the Committee.

It is envisaged that the work programme will be formed from a combination of scrutiny reviews, standing items and requested officer reports. This report provides the committee with an opportunity to plan and regularly review its work across the municipal year. Some initial ideas for a work programme, based on issues which were of interest to members of the former People Overview & Scrutiny Committee, are attached as an appendix to this report.

RECOMMENDATION/S

Members are requested to:

1. Approve the proposed Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee work programme for 2017/18, making any required amendments.
2. Provide delegated authority to the Chair, Vice Chair and Spokespersons to give further detailed consideration to the Committee's work programme prior to the next scheduled Committee meeting in September.
3. Give delegated authority to the Chair, Vice Chair and Spokespersons of both the Adult Care & Health OSC and the Children and Families OSC to:
 - make arrangements to hold an appropriate workshop to scrutinise proposals for the all-age disability and mental health service; and
 - if necessary, to approve and refer any report arising from the workshop directly to Cabinet.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

To ensure members of the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee have the opportunity to contribute to the delivery of the annual work programme.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Not Applicable

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 THE SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME AND THE WIRRAL PLAN

The work programme should align with the priorities of the Council and its partners. The programme will be informed by:

- The Wirral Plan pledges
- The Council's transformation programme
- The Council's Forward Plan
- Service performance information
- Risk management information
- Public or service user feedback
- Referrals from Cabinet / Council

The specific Wirral Plan pledges and associated strategies of particular relevance to the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee are:

Pledge	Strategies
Older People Live Well	Ageing Well in Wirral https://www.wirral.gov.uk/sites/default/files/all/About%20the%20council/Wirral%20Plan/Ageing%20Well%20Strategy.pdf
People with disabilities live independently	All age disability strategy: People with disabilities live independently https://www.wirral.gov.uk/sites/default/files/all/About%20the%20council/Wirral%20Plan/All%20Age%20Disability%20Strategy.pdf
Zero tolerance to domestic violence	Zero tolerance to domestic abuse https://www.wirral.gov.uk/sites/default/files/all/About%20the%20council/Wirral%20Plan/Domestic%20Abuse%20Strategy.pdf

In addition, members of the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee will also want to consider how best to undertake their health scrutiny role.

3.2 PRINCIPLES FOR PRIORITISATION

Good practice suggests that, in order to maximise the impact of scrutiny, it is necessary to prioritise proposed topics within the work programme. Members may find the following criteria helpful in providing a guideline towards ensuring that the most significant topics are prioritised:

Principles for Prioritisation	
Wirral Plan	Does the topic have a direct link with one of the 2020 pledges?
	Will the review lead to improved outcomes for Wirral residents?
Public Interest	Does the topic have particular importance for Wirral Residents?
Transformation	Will the review support the transformation of the Council?
Financial Significance	Is the subject matter an area of significant spend or potential saving?
	Will the review support the Council in achieving its savings targets?
Timeliness / Effectiveness	Is this the most appropriate time for this topic to be scrutinised?
	Will the review be a good use of Council resources?

By assessing prospective topics using these criteria, the Committee can prioritise an effective work programme that ensures relevance and the highest potential to enhance outcomes for residents.

3.3 DELIVERING THE WORK PROGRAMME

It is anticipated that the work programme will be delivered through a combination of:

- Scrutiny reviews undertaken by task & finish groups
- Evidence days and workshops
- Committee reports provided by officers
- Standing committee agenda items, for example, performance monitoring and financial monitoring
- Spotlight sessions
- Standing panels (where deemed necessary)

As some of the selected topics may well cut across the Wirral Plan themes, it is anticipated that some of the scrutiny topics may be of interest to members of more than one committee. In these circumstances, opportunities for members of more than one committee to work jointly on an item of scrutiny work will be explored.

Regular work programme update reports will provide the committee with an opportunity to plan and regularly review its work across the municipal year.

3.4 TRANSFER OF SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME ITEMS

Members will be aware that, at Annual Council held on 16th May 2017, it was agreed that the remit of the former People Overview & Scrutiny Committee should be split between two successor committees, namely; the Children and Families Overview & Scrutiny Committee and the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee. A number of work programme items of the former People Overview & Scrutiny Committee (and the former Health & Care Performance Panel) are likely to be of interest to members of the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee. In addition to the items proposed for this agenda and the meeting scheduled for 13th September, the following may be of particular interest to members:

Respite Services Scrutiny Review

This task & finish review was initiated during the previous municipal year in order to assess users' experiences of alternative respite provision following the decision to close Girtrell Court. Members of the task & finish group who commenced the review were Councillors Moira McLaughlin (Chair), Angela Davies, Treena Johnson, Bruce Berry, David Burgess-Joyce and Alan Brighthouse. However, as Councillor Davies is now a member of the Cabinet, she will be withdrawing from the task & finish group. The scope of the review has been agreed and meetings with commissioning officers, service providers and site visits to Girtrell Court and Barnstondale have taken place. Further site visits are planned. It is also intended that focus groups and a questionnaire for carers and service users will be utilised. There will be some delay in the review in order to give service users and families / carers an opportunity to make use of the new service provision at Tollemache Road before they will be approached for feedback. It is now planned to report the findings of the review to the meeting of the Adult Care & Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee scheduled for November 2017.

Continuing Healthcare funding (CHC) scrutiny review

NHS continuing healthcare (CHC) is the name given to a package of care that is arranged and funded solely by the NHS for individuals who are not in hospital and have been assessed as having a "primary health need". Members of the former People Overview & Scrutiny Committee have previously approved the establishment of a task & finish group to consider the accessibility and operation of the scheme for residents in Wirral. Members of the task & finish group are Councillors Alan Brighthouse (Chair), Wendy Clements and Moira McLaughlin plus Karen Prior (Healthwatch Wirral). The scope for the review has been agreed although further meetings have been delayed due to the election period. A task & finish group meeting is scheduled for 21st June when members will meet with officers responsible for administering the scheme on behalf of Wirral CCG. Current plans are to report the findings of the review to the meeting of the Adult Care & Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee scheduled for November 2017.

3.5 ALL-AGE DISABILITY AND MENTAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION PROJECT

Members may be aware that an approach to pre-decision scrutiny of Transformation Programme projects was reported to the former People Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 14th July 2016. There is a proposal to consider alternative delivery models for the All-age Disability and Mental Health services. In line with the general approach for the scrutiny of Transformation programme projects, it is proposed that a workshop be arranged in order to give members the opportunity to review the outline proposals. As these will impact on service delivery for both children and adults, it is suggested that a joint workshop be held with members of both the Children and Families OSC and the Adult Care & Health OSC invited to attend.

Current proposals are for a joint workshop to be held in July. In order to meet the project reporting timescales, it is proposed that the Chairs, Vice Chair and Spokespersons of both the Children and Families OSC and the Adult Care & Health OSC be given delegated authority to agree the plans for the workshop and, if necessary, to approve and refer any report arising from the workshop directly to Cabinet.

3.6 FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

In line with the new remit of the Committee and the principles for prioritisation, as described above, Members are requested to suggest possible topics for inclusion in the work programme. Committee Members should also consider how best to further develop the work programme in advance of the next scheduled Committee meeting in September. This could be achieved by Committee providing delegated authority to the Chair, Vice Chair and Spokespersons to provide further detailed input to the work programme's development.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

The delivery of the scrutiny work programme will be met from within existing resources.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

Not Applicable

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

Not Applicable

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

This report is for information to Members and there are no direct equality implications.

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APPENDICES:

Appendix 1: Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Work programme

REFERENCE MATERIAL

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date